

THE ROWSER MURAL

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MURAL

“THE WISDOM OR UNWISDOM OF A NEW GENERATION MUST LARGELY DEPEND ON ITS KNOWLEDGE AND INTERPRETATION OF THE FACTS AND FORCES THAT OPERATED IN THE GENERATIONS PRECEDING...”

MONCURE CONWAY, 1904 *

African American history in Stafford starts in the late 1600's when slaves were brought into the sparsely settled Rappahannock Valley to serve as agricultural laborers. In the intervening 350 years, communities coalesced, vibrant churches began, and bold individuals stepped forward to shape the character of the County. Highlights of the mural include:

THE ARRIVAL & EARLY YEARS
THOSE WHO PASSED THROUGH
FOUNDATION OF FAITH
EDUCATION DURING SEGREGATION
THE TIE THAT BINDS: NAACP
INTEGRATION
LITTLE KNOWN FACTS AND FIRSTS
KEEPERS OF THE HISTORY
350 YEARS AND BEYOND



THE ROWSER BUILDING STAFFORD AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MURAL

The Stafford African American History Mural was installed in the historic Rowser Building in 2014 as a permanent exhibit for the County's 350th anniversary. The mural's mission is to tell Stafford's story through the African American experience. Many individuals contributed to the creation of the mural, with special acknowledgement to the following:

NAACP - Stafford County Chapter
Stafford County Historical Society
Stafford County Parks & Recreation
Stafford County 350th Committee
Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church
United Faith Christian Ministry
Linda Silk, Wink Ventures
Creative Color
Freelance-Star



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COVER:
Arrival of Negro family in the lines, Library of Congress
September 1961, Free Lance-Star
INSIDE COVER:
Mural, Aleks Dolzenko/Stafford County Sun
INSIDE PANELS:
Stafford Training School, Free Lance-Star

VISIT THE MURAL AT THE
HISTORIC ROWSER BUILDING
1739 Jefferson Davis Highway
Stafford, VA 22554

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Monday - Friday



